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FOR DEPASSTSEC SMITH, AF, FROM AMB

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, MP

SUBJECT: PL-480 TITLE II MAURITIUS TA-3603

REF: PORT LOUIS 250

1. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION STATUS RICE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED REFTEL. DWC CONTINUES MOST INTERESTED IN HAVING 1,000 MT RICE ARRIVE HERE BEFORE END MAY, WITH RESPECT REMAINING OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT OF 900 MT PLUS 284 MT REPLACEMENT (DUE SPOILAGE AT DURBAN), ADDITIONAL REASON FOR ASSURING WE RECEIVE THIS TOTAL AMOUNT IN RICE RPT RICE IS THAT USG ALREADY OWES PORTION OF IT TO GOM. SPECIFICALLY, FOOD AID PROGRAM SHOULD PROVIDE 325 MT RICE MONTHLY. ON BASIS ELEVEN MONTHS FOR FY73 (E. E. NOT COUNTING ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL 1,000 MT RICE END MAY), DWC WILL HAVE REQUIRED TOTAL 3575 MT RICE. BUT ONLY 1,716 MT RICE HAS ARRIVED LEAVING THEORETICAL BALANCE DUE GOM OF 1,859 TONS. ARRIVAL 1,000 TONS IN MAY WILL STILL LEAVE DEFICIT 859 TONS. WHILE THIS IN FACT LARGELY COVERED BY CARRY- OVER SOME 800 TONS FROM FY72, IN TERMS TA-3603 THIS REPRESENTS DEFICIT. PARTICULARLY AT TIME WORLDWIDE RICE STRINGENCY, DO NOT SEE HOW USG CAN FAIL MEET THIS COMMITMENT.

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2. RECOGNIZE YOUR MANIFOLD RESPONSIBILITIES BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE PERSONAL RESPONSE VIEW IMPORTANCE THIS
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